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**The Tenour of the Oath to be taken by all Persons in
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I A. B. Solemnlie swear in the presence of the eternal GOD, whom I invocat as Judge and Witness of my sincere intention of this my Oath; That I own, and sincerely profess the true Protestant Religion, contained in the Confession of Faith recorded in the first Parliament of King James the sixth, and that I believe the same to be founded on, and agreeable to the written Word of GOD. And I promise and swear, that I shall adhere thereto, during all the daies of my lifetime, and shall endeavour to educate my Children therein: and shall never consent to any change, or alteration contrair thereto: And that I disown, and renounce all such Principles, Doctrines, or Practises, whether Popish, or Phanatical, which are contrare unto, and inconsistent with the said Protestant Religion, and Confession of Faith. And for testification of my Obedience to my most Gracious Sovereign CHARLES the second, I do affirm, and swear, by this my solemn Oath, That the King's Majestie is the only Supream Governour of this Realm, over all Persons, and in all Causes, as well Ecclesiastical as Civil: And that no forraign Prince, Person, Pope, Prelate, State, or Potentat, hath, or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superioritie, Prebeminencie or Authoritie Ecclesiastical or Civil, within this Realm. And therefore I do utterlie renounce, and forsake all Forraign Jurisdiccions, Powers, Superiorities, and Authorities, And do promise, that from henceforth, I shall bear Faith and true Allegiance to the King's Majestie, His Heirs, and lawful Successors, And to my power shall assist, and defend, all Rights, Jurisdiccions, Prerogatives, Priviledges, Prebeminencies, and Authorities belonging to the King's Majestie, His Heirs and lawful Successors. And I farther affirm and swear by this my solemn Oath, That I judge it unlawful for Subjects, upon pretence of Reformation, or any other pretence whatsoever, To enter into Covenants or Leagues, or to convocat, convene, or assemble in any Councils, Conventions, or Assemblies, to treat, consult, or determine, in any matter of State, Civil or Ecclesiastick, without his Majesties special command, or expresse licence had thereto, or to take up Arms against the King, or those commissioned by Him: And that I shall never so rise in Arms, or enter into such Covenants, or Assemblies: and that there lies no obligation on me from the National Covenant, or the Solemn League and Covenant (so commonly called) or any other manner of way whatsoever, to endeavour any change or alteration in the Government, either in Church or State, as it is now established by the Laws of this Kingdom. And I promise and swear, that I shall with my utmost power, defend, assist and maintain His Majesties Jurisdiction foresaid against all deadly: And I shall never decline His Majesties Power and Jurisdiction, As I shall answer to God. And finally, I affirm, and swear, that this my solemn Oath, is given in the plain genuine sense and meaning of the words, without any equivocation, mental reservation, or any manner of evasion whatsoever; And that I shall not accept, or use any dispensation from any Creature whatsoever. So help me GOD.

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